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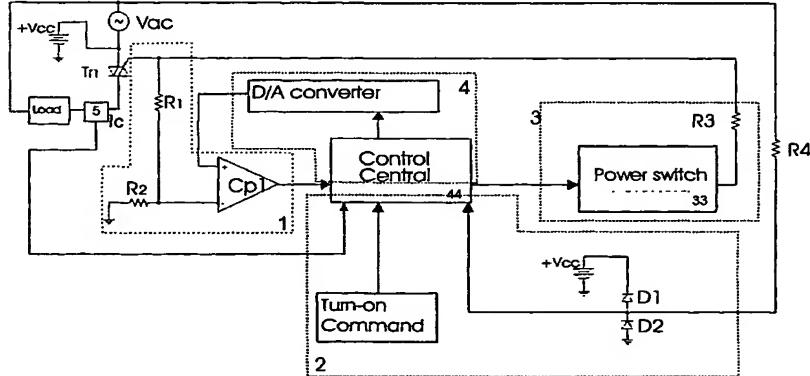
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a system of controlling and triggering a TRIAC as well as to a method of controlling the triggering of a TRIAC, by actuating a load with any power factor from a single short-duration pulse at the gate of the TRIAC. In order to make use of a single comparator ( $CP_1$ ) and also to operate without limitation at the current level ( $i_c$ ), a system of controlling and triggering a TRIAC (TR) is foreseen, the TRIAC comprising a gate (G), the TRIAC (TR) being connected to a load, the gate (G) being electrically connected to a control unit (4), which actuates the TRIAC (TR) for selectively applying a network voltage ( $V_{AC}$ ) to the load and enabling the circulation of an electric current ( $i_c$ ) in the load, the system comprising a gate voltage detection unit (1), a control unit (4), the gate voltage detection unit (1) being electrically connected to a control unit (4), the control unit (4) establishing a gate (G) voltage limit value (+limit, -limit) and generating a pulse at the gate (G) of the TRIAC (TR) to keep it in conduction, the pulse at the gate (G) being generated from a comparison between the voltage limit value (+limit, -limit) established by the control unit (4) and a voltage measured at the gate (G) from the gate voltage detection unit (1), the control unit (4) measuring the electric current ( $i_c$ ) and adjusting the voltage limit value (+limit, -limit) in a way proportional to the current ( $i_c$ ) value measured. A method is also provided for controlling the triggering of a TRIAC (TR) in order to actuate the system of the present invention.



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